

NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries

Online Activities



Virtual Submersible Dive in the kelp forests of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. © National Geographic Society

Virtual Submersible Dive

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/monterey/>

Take a virtual tour of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary using a single-person submersible, called *DeepWorker 2000*. Explore the canopy of a kelp forest and watch sea lions dart by in search of food. This virtual dive was developed in partnership with the National Geographic Society.

Marine Reserves Digital Lab

<http://channelislands.noaa.gov/edu/cool.html>

The sea around Anacapa Island is one of the most biologically rich and economically important areas of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary off the coast of California. Because Anacapa Island is close to mainland harbors, it is a very popular place to fish and dive. The challenge: you will be asked to represent one of the stakeholders (i.e. commercial fisherman, environmental advocate, recreational diver) in a working group to establish new marine reserve areas near Anacapa. You must develop a plan that will satisfy the group you are representing yet be acceptable to the other groups' representatives. The mission of your working group is: To protect, maintain, restore and enhance living marine resources...through new management strategies that encompass an ecosystem perspective and promote collaboration between competing interests.

Encyclopedia of the National Marine Sanctuaries

<http://www.ocean.com/Library/Encyclopedia>

A great field guide covering critters from sea stars to the blue whale. The Ocean Channel has put together an encyclopedic reference for over 100 species of interest for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. You can also view a 3-minute movie about NOAA's National Marine Sanctuaries from this Web site (see "view movie" in the right hand corner of the page).

Dive into America's Underwater Treasures

<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>

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